

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION **March 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: G. Stillman, J. Mendoza, D. MacMillan, R. Trakimas.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by G. Stillman. Second by D. MacMillan. February 20, 2014 Minutes approved.

Discussion followed concerning getting the Right to Farm By-Law on the warrant for the next Town Meeting. Consideration was given to pursuit of amending the town's minimum acreage requirement to match the current state minimum as part of the Right to Farm By-Law. Following Town Manager's advice, postponing of adding acreage requirement was decided. Current draft of RTF By-law is to be submitted to Town Manager for inclusion on Town Warrant for next Town Meeting.

Filling the vacancy on the commission was discussed. The Town Manager requested a letter of resignation from the Chairman and suggested that the commission members consider qualities of a possible candidate.

Jurisdictional oversight of The Farmer's Market was considered further, with a decision to draft a proposal of Farmer's Market rules to submit to the Board of Selectmen. Promotional ideas were discussed, including the potential for an AGCOM budget for signs and other promotional materials. The Town Manager was consulted, and said that we would have stamps, etc. available upon request.

The new school greenhouse and Greenthumb program were discussed. General disappointment with the responses from guest John Londa, who represented the Superintendent's Office, was aired. The goal of expanding Greenthumb and bringing 4H back to Lunenburg was discussed, including invitation to potential community members to be involved in these activities. Use of the Mossman Center was considered as the funds used to construct the center were originally Grange funds.

The original goal of the Lunenburg Agricultural Commission was re-affirmed. The main objective of this commission is the support and promotion of local agriculture and to foster a positive environment to support local agricultural endeavors. The immediate focus of the commission is the organization of the Lunenburg Farmer's Market and the passage of the Right to Farm Bylaw, through outreach to the community.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Mendoza